

Review: Dr Don Batten et al, *Evolution's Achilles' Heels*, Creation Book Publishers, Powder Springs, Georgia, 2014

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Will Evolution Survive?

A frontal assault on evolution's treasured icons with the best arguments a Biblical world view has at hand. Authored solely by Ph.Ds which disarms atheist's favourite 'No True Scotsman' attack. There is something special having this number and calibre of scientists brought together.

Truth-seeking and study should compel the reader to see evolution as the dead carcass it is:

*Natural selection: pre-dates Charles Darwin; is not evolution; via mutation reduces information rather than increasing (even in 'simple', short generation time organisms); is silent on specie's origins (which it was meant to explain).

Icons: Fruit fly and stickleback fish.

*Genetics and DNA: Darwin's ignorance; interdependent DNA and enzyme repair; 'junk' DNA canard (e.g. functional retrotransposons not ancient viruses); the four-dimensional genome (linear, over-lapping, 3D-folding, and across time); lower human-to-chimp DNA comparisons.

Icons: Mitochondrial Eve and 'Out of Africa' mtDNA migration models (data behind these fit a Biblical view).

*Origin of Life: chemistry alone unable to create information; 'simplest' life (at 482 genes); 'RNA World' and 'protein-first' ideas; flawed Miller-Urey experiment; 'directed panspermia' hopes dashed.

*Fossil Record: fatal 'offset' fossils (e.g. eyes and vertebrae in the Precambrian, pollen in the Paleo-Proterozoic); 'evolutionary stasis'; preserved dino soft tissue.

Icons: Ida (a lemur); *Archaeopteryx* (a bird); tiktaalik (c400 Ma too late to be a transitional tetrapod fish); whale evolution; human evolution hoaxes.

*Geologic Record: Uniformitarian religion; quick sediment/strata layering; rapid diamond and opal manufacturing; fossilisation of teddy bears and toys; polystrate strata fossils (trees); intercontinental sediment layers; 'flat gaps' (millions of years of missing erosion between layers).

Icons: Geologic column (really the Flood's burial record); over fit valleys/under fit rivers; 40k-year ice age (Milankovitch) cycles.

*Radiometric Dating: vast overestimate of known rock ages; excess starting argon in K-Ar method; isochron method daughter-to-sister isotope ratio assumptions; carbon dating of coal and diamond; accelerated decay evidence from low helium diffusion rates in granite; C-14 dating flaws (e.g. assuming a stable C-14/C-12 ratio).

*Cosmology: a discipline devoid of empirical testing, philosophy of the Big Bang's (BB) cosmological principle, CMB BB proof a logical fallacy (it assumes no other cause is possible); Dark Matter (25%) and Energy (70%) fudge factors, magic wand idea of Inflation breaking the speed of light.

Icons: Multiverse and parallel universe ideas.

*Ethics and Morality: atheist world view illogical; God of the Old Testament not a 'moral monster'; best consistency of an evolutionary world view found in eugenics, Hitler's holocaust, Stalin, and Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge.

While each 'heel' is enough on its own, perhaps the genetic and DNA material, and origin of life chemistry chapters are the most powerful.

Most arguments would be familiar to those having studied evolution's flaws, however there are many new insights that sharpen. A sense is felt material could easily have gone into greater depth but was restrained to avoid unreadability for non-specialists. Although convincing, the chapter on cosmology was most difficult to understand (from a non-cosmologist's

view).

Those seeing alternatives to evolution for the first time may be overloaded but should invest further time to study these things.

The rejoinder of atheists may be, “where is scientific evidence in favour of creation?”

With evolution falsified creation must true. From there the creator God of the Bible claims He is creator, before him were no others, neither will any arise.
